IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, insert the following paragraph at line 51:

--The present application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/444,638, filed February 4, 2003.--

Page 3, replace the second and third paragraphs at lines 7-20 amended as follows:

--The ~~Applicant has~~ inventors have discovered, surprisingly, that it is possible to very greatly reduce this fluidizing observed during mixing, by combining at least one copolymer based on acrylamide and 2-acrylamido-2-methylpropanesulphonic acid with oxidizing formulations containing at least one polymer having at least one particular sequence of 2-acrylamido-2-methylpropanesulphonic acid units. The ~~Applicant has~~ inventors have thus obtained thickened oxidizing compositions, which are stable on storage, irrespective of the source of aqueous hydrogen peroxide solution used, eliminating the problems of fluidizing, in particular in the case of mixing.

The invention also relates to processes for the oxidation dyeing of keratin fibres, to processes for treating the [[said]] fibres, and in particular permanent–waving processes, to bleaching or stripping processes, and also to multi-compartment dyeing devices or "kits".--

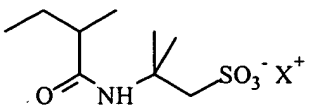
Page 5, replace the first three lines amended as follows:

--may be mentioned include the products sold in the form of an inverse emulsion under the references Sepigel 30J or Simulgel 600 by ~~the company~~ SEPPIC.--

Page 5, replace the second full paragraph at lines 10-22 amended as follows:

--According to the invention, the poly(2-acrylamido-2-methylpropanesulphonic acid) polymers are crosslinked, preferably with trimethylolpropane triacrylate and comprise, randomly distributed:

[[-]] from 90% to 99.9% by weight of units of general formula (1) below:



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in which X^+ denotes a cation, preferably the ammonium ion, or a mixture of cations, not more than 10 mol% of the cations possibly being protons H^+ ; and

[[-]] from 0.01% to 10% by weight of crosslinking units derived from at least one monomer containing at least two olefinic double bonds; the weight proportions being defined relative to the total weight of the polymer.

Page 6, replace the first paragraph at lines 1-4 amended as follows:

--The crosslinked poly(2-acrylamido-2-methylpropanesulphonic acid) polymers are present in the cosmetic compositions of the invention in concentrations ranging from 0.01% to 10%, and more particularly from 0.05% to 5%, by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.--

Page 6, replace the third paragraph at lines 13-15 amended as follows:

--The amphiphilic copolymers have a weight-average molecular weight ranging from ~~20 000 to 10 000 000~~ 20,000 to 10,000,000, preferably from ~~50 000 to 8 000 000~~ 50,000 to 8,000,000 and more particularly from ~~100 000 to 7 000 000~~ 100,000 to 7,000,000.--

Page 9, replace the last two paragraphs at lines 19-23 amended as follows:

--The ~~Applicant~~ inventors performed a comparative test in order to demonstrate the improvement provided in terms of fluidizing during the mixing of the oxidizing composition and the dye composition.

The ~~Applicant~~ inventors prepared 3 compositions, 2 in accordance with the prior art and 1 in accordance with the invention (table below).

Page 10, replace the third paragraph at lines 7-9 amended as follows:

--The dye support used to prepare the mixtures is the commercial support Excellence shade 5 from ~~the company~~ L'Oréal. The fluidizing was evaluated by a panel of 5 experts.--

Page 11, replace the first four lines amended as follows:

--methylpropanesulphonic acid polymer according to formula D, no fluidizing is observed during the mixing with the commercial dye support Excellence shade 5 sold by ~~the company~~ L'Oréal. This study was evaluated by a panel of 5 experts.--